CELPIP Reading Practice Test 105

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How to take this test

1. Do all 4 parts in one sitting in about 55–60 minutes, timing each part.
2. Mark your answers on the answer sheet. Wrong answers lose no points, so answer every question.
3. Check your answers with the answer key and count your correct answers for an estimated CLB.

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Part 1: Reading Correspondence

Time: about 11 minutes

Plans for the House on Elmwood Drive

> Dear Mr. Thibodeau,
>
> I hope you had a restful summer. I'm writing about something I've been thinking about for several months, and I wanted to put it in writing so that you have time to consider it properly before we talk.
>
> As you know, I left my position at the Riverview childcare centre in June, when the centre cut back its hours. Since then I've been doing some part-time tutoring, but what I would really like to do is run a small licensed home daycare from the house on Elmwood Drive. I would care for no more than five children, including my own son, Leo, on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Under the provincial rules, I would need a home inspection, a fire safety check and written proof that the owner of the property has agreed. That last item is the reason for this letter.
>
> I understand that you may be worried about extra wear on the house, so I'd like to address that in advance. The children would use only the main floor and the fenced backyard; the basement and the upstairs would stay off-limits. I would also buy additional liability insurance at my own expense and have you added to the policy, as my insurance broker suggested. The inspector will almost certainly ask for a second smoke detector near the kitchen and a gate at the top of the basement stairs. I'd be glad to pay for both, and of course they would stay with the house if I ever moved out.
>
> I know parking might be another concern, since Elmwood is a narrow street. Most of the families I've spoken to live within walking distance, and I would ask the others to use the driveway for drop-off rather than parking on the road. I'd also be happy to tell the Gallants next door myself, so that they hear about it from me first rather than noticing a line of strollers one morning.
>
> If you agree in principle, I would need a short signed letter from you to include with my application. The licensing office told me it can take up to three months to process, so I'm hoping to apply before the end of October and open in the new year.
>
> I've been your tenant for six years and have always tried to treat the house as if it were my own. I hope that history gives you some confidence in me. Please call me whenever it suits you; I'm home most afternoons.
>
> Kind regards,
>
> Marisol Ortega

1. What is the main purpose of Marisol's letter?

A to report safety problems found during an inspection
B to ask for approval to run a business from her home
C to request that the landlord pay for some home repairs
D to give notice that she plans to move out next year

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2. Why did Marisol stop working at the childcare centre?

A She wanted more time for her tutoring.
B She needed to stay at home with Leo.
C She could not renew her provincial licence.
D Her workplace reduced its operating hours.

3. According to Marisol, the landlord's signed letter is needed

A to complete her licence application.
B before the fire safety check can be booked.
C so that her broker can add him to the policy.
D to reassure the families she has spoken to.

4. What does Marisol offer to do about the safety equipment?

A ask the inspector to waive the requirement
B share the cost equally with the landlord
C pay for it and leave it in the house
D remove it if she ever moves out

5. Why does Marisol want to speak to the Gallants herself?

A They have complained about street parking before.
B She wants them to learn of her plan directly from her.
C Their children may be among the first she looks after.
D She hopes they will let parents use their driveway.

6. Marisol mentions her six years as a tenant to

A remind him that her rent has never been late.
B suggest that she has earned a lower rent.
C explain why she knows the neighbours well.
D show that she can be trusted with the house.

Here is a response to the message. Complete the response by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank from the drop-down menu.

> Dear Marisol,
>
> Thank you for your thoughtful letter. You have clearly **(7)** _____ before writing, and I appreciate that. I had heard that the centre in Riverview **(8)** _____, so I had been wondering what you would do next.
>
> I'm willing to sign the letter, with two conditions. First, since the children will stay on the main floor, I would like the **(9)** _____ put in by a licensed contractor rather than installed yourself. Second, please send me a copy of the insurance policy once **(10)** _____.

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> As for the street, I think your plan to have parents **(11)** _____ is sensible. The Gallants are good people, and I'm sure they'll appreciate hearing it from you first.
>
> I'll drop the signed letter off on Thursday so that you can apply well before your deadline.
>
> Best regards,
>
> Gerald Thibodeau

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** spoken with the Gallants **B** submitted your application **C** thought through my concerns **D** booked the home inspection

8. **A** had shortened its hours **B** was hiring new staff **C** had moved to Elmwood **D** was closing its doors for good

9. **A** fence around the backyard **B** smoke detector in the basement **C** railing on the front steps **D** gate for the basement stairs

10. **A** the inspector has approved it **B** I have been added to it **C** the parents have signed it **D** your broker has cancelled it

11. **A** park along the road **B** share rides each morning **C** drop off in the driveway **D** use the Gallants' driveway

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Booking a Carpet Cleaner in Regina



Read the following email message about the diagram on the left. Complete the email by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank from the drop-down menu.

> Subject: Carpets before the 31st
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> To: Emily Brandt
>
> From: Jordan Okafor
>
> Hi Emily,
>
> Thanks again for offering to help me clear out the townhouse. My landlord reminded me yesterday that the carpets have to be professionally cleaned before the move-out inspection, or the cost will come out of my damage deposit. I found a flyer from a local company, so I thought I'd run it by you.
>
> I only have carpet in the two bedrooms and the upstairs hallway, so **(12)** _____ wouldn't make sense for me. Adding up those three areas, the cleaning comes to **(13)** _____, which is at least

above their minimum charge. Rufus has slept in both bedrooms for six years, and I'm sure the landlord will notice the smell, so I'll add **(14)** _____ for each of them.

The inspection is at 9 a.m. on Monday the 31st, and since they **(15)** _____, it will have to be Saturday. I know that's cutting it close, but I can't get any time off work before then. The good news is that if the landlord still finds a problem, **(16)** _____.

Mom has offered to keep Rufus at her place that day, so he won't be in the way. Could you come over on Friday evening to help me pack up the small things? The cleaners will move the beds themselves. I'll supply the pizza!

Jordan

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** the whole-home special **B** the per-room price **C** the hallway rate **D** the pet odour treatment

13. **A** $70 **B** $99 **C** $115 **D** $135

14. **A** the stain protector **B** the pet odour treatment **C** the free deodorizer **D** a one-side mattress cleaning

15. **A** need a week's notice **B** charge extra on weekends **C** only work in the evenings **D** are closed on Sundays

16. **A** they'll return at no cost **B** they'll refund my deposit **C** they'll pay the landlord directly **D** they'll give me 10% off

17. Jordan and Emily are most likely

A co-workers.
B neighbours.
C roommates.
D siblings.

18. Why does Jordan need the carpets cleaned?

A Her new landlord requires it before she moves in.
B Otherwise she may lose part of her deposit.
C Her mother is coming to stay with her.
D Rufus has stained the hallway carpet.

19. When Jordan says Saturday is "cutting it close," she means

A the cleaning will cost nearly all she can afford.
B the company is located near her townhouse.
C little time will be left before the inspection.
D the cleaners might damage the carpet edges.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Ice Roads of Canada's North

Paragraph A

For most of the year, dozens of communities in Canada's North can be reached only by plane. Every winter, however, a temporary network of roads appears across frozen lakes, rivers and the swampy ground known as muskeg, linking these places to the rest of the country for a few short weeks. Some of these roads are hundreds of kilometres long, and many must be rebuilt from scratch each year. Known as ice roads or winter roads, they allow trucks to deliver fuel, building materials and other bulky goods that would cost far too much to send by air. In remote First Nations communities in northern Manitoba and Ontario, many households time large purchases, from furniture to snowmobiles, around the weeks when the road is open.

Paragraph B

Building an ice road involves much more than ploughing a path across a lake. Crews begin as soon as the ice can support light equipment, and their first job is to clear away the snow, which acts like a blanket and slows freezing. They then pump lake water onto the surface, where it freezes in layers and thickens the ice faster than nature could on its own. The thickness is checked constantly, traditionally by drilling holes and now also with ground-penetrating radar towed behind a vehicle. Heavier loads are permitted only once the ice reaches the required depth, and the allowed weight rises gradually as the season goes on.

Paragraph C

Driving on these roads comes with its own set of rules. Speed limits are kept low, and not simply to prevent skidding. A heavy truck moving over floating ice pushes a wave through the water beneath it, and if the truck is travelling too fast, that wave can strike the shoreline and break the ice from below. Drivers are also told to keep a long distance between vehicles and to avoid stopping on the ice, since a heavy load left in one place can gradually weaken the surface beneath it. One of the best-known routes, the Tibbitt to Contwoyto Winter Road in the Northwest Territories, stretches roughly 400 kilometres from near Yellowknife, mostly across frozen lakes, and carries supplies to diamond mines during a season that usually lasts only about two months.

Paragraph D

In recent decades, milder winters have made the ice season less predictable. Some roads have opened weeks late or closed early, leaving communities short of fuel and supplies. As a result, there is growing pressure to replace certain ice roads with permanent, all-weather highways. In 2017, for example, the Inuvik–Tuktoyaktuk Highway opened in the Northwest Territories, giving Tuktoyaktuk its first year-round road connection to the rest of Canada and replacing a seasonal ice road. Such

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> projects are expensive and difficult to build on permafrost, however, so for many northern communities the ice road remains a vital, if increasingly fragile, lifeline.

Decide which paragraph, A to D, has the information given in each statement below. Select E if the information is not given in any of the paragraphs.

20. Removing snow from the ice helps it become thicker more quickly. _____

21. Some families wait for the winter road before buying large items. _____

22. Drivers must pass a special test before they are allowed on an ice road. _____

23. Driving too fast can damage the ice even if a vehicle does not slide. _____

24. Unreliable winters have sometimes left northern towns without enough supplies. _____

25. The weight that trucks may carry increases as winter goes on. _____

26. Flying in some heavy goods would be too costly. _____

27. One well-known route mainly serves an industry rather than a town. _____

28. Frozen ground makes permanent northern roads hard and costly to build. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Consumer Fireworks Ban In Port Lindell Debate

> Each Canada Day and New Year's Eve, the sky above Port Lindell blazes with colour while the municipal complaint line glows just as brightly. Last summer produced a record 140 grievances and a grass fire behind the arena. Council is now contemplating a bylaw prohibiting the sale and discharge of consumer fireworks throughout the Nova Scotia community; only licensed professional displays, such as the annual spectacle over the harbour, would remain permissible.
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> Councillor Brendan Hurley, the measure's drafter, contends that half-measures merely postpone the inevitable. A curfew introduced in 2019 proved unenforceable, and the residents who contact him (owners of service dogs, veterans, parents of newborns) describe a nuisance now recurring every warm weekend from May through September. "Taxpayers already contribute roughly $18,000 annually toward the harbour show. Why tolerate hundreds of private ones besides?" he reasons.
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> Fire Chief Alana MacIsaac endorses stricter regulation, though her rationale diverges from the prevailing one. "Noise belongs to bylaw officers; my preoccupation is combustion," she says. Nine of every ten fireworks calls reach her department in July and August, when the grass is "like paper," and on a sodden New Year's Eve the roads trouble her far more than the rockets. She would accept an outright prohibition, but believes a simpler rule, forbidding fireworks whenever the province restricts open burning, would eliminate nearly all the danger her crews encounter.
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> Gwen Pottie, a third-generation hardware merchant, stocks fireworks for roughly a fortnight each year. She readily grants that late-night detonations have become a genuine problem, yet doubts prohibition would silence them. "Anyone who wants fireworks will drive twenty minutes to the county line," she predicts. Her remedy: permit them on Victoria Day, Canada Day and New Year's Eve alone, with steep fines on any other night.
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> Farid Haddad owns an elderly beagle that retreats to the bathtub at the first bang. Even so, his enthusiasm for a ban has waned. "Canada Day I can tolerate. What erodes my patience is an unannounced barrage at midnight on some ordinary Tuesday in July." Having signed Hurley's petition last autumn, he now fears a ban would turn neighbours into informants.

29. Who shares Pottie's tolerance of holiday fireworks?

A Brendan Hurley
B Alana MacIsaac
C Farid Haddad
D parents of newborns

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30. Unlike most residents, MacIsaac is concerned with

A dry-weather fire, not noise
B the failure of the 2019 curfew
C late-night noise on warm weekends
D the cost of the harbour display

31. Why does Pottie mention the county line?

A to show complaints would fall
B to warn her store couldn't survive
C to explain why neighbours might inform
D to suggest purchases would move

32. What can be inferred from the article?

A Hurley would settle for a summer weekend curfew.
B MacIsaac's rule would spare New Year's Eve.
C Professional displays would need new licences.
D Haddad has withdrawn from the petition.

33. An appropriate title would be

A "How Far Should a Fireworks Crackdown Go?"
B "Port Lindell Bans Fireworks After Record Complaints"
C "Fireworks Noise Tops Fire Risk in Port Lindell"
D "Can Port Lindell Afford Its Harbour Show?"

The following is a comment by a visitor to the website page. Complete the comment by choosing the best option to fill in each blank.

> Living two streets from the harbour, I have watched this nuisance escalate for years, and last autumn I nearly signed Councillor Hurley's petition myself. Having read this article, though, I consider a full ban **(34)** _____. The chief's own logs show the hazard is concentrated **(35)** _____, and a rule built on her logic would protect us without penalizing careful families.
>
> Ms. Pottie, too, is probably right that prohibition would **(36)** _____.
>
> As for the claim that the curfew could not be enforced, I would like to know whether officials in 2019 **(37)** _____.
>
> Like the owner of that nervous beagle, I can live with the holidays. Ultimately, it is the **(38)** _____ that have frayed tempers here, and any rule ought to begin there.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** unfair to hardware merchants **B** a sledgehammer to crack a nut **C** too late to make any real difference **D** impossible to enforce

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35. **A** on the main holidays **B** on ordinary weeknights **C** after dark on warm spring weekends **D** in the driest summer stretch

36. **A** cost her the business **B** set neighbour against neighbour **C** shift sales, not stop bangs **D** raise the cost of the harbour show

37. **A** levied any fines **B** consulted the fire department **C** warned fireworks sellers **D** extended the curfew

38. **A** spectacles over the harbour **B** grass fires behind the arena **C** rockets on the main holidays **D** random bangs on ordinary nights

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
9 _____	10 _____	11 _____	12 _____
13 _____	14 _____	15 _____	16 _____
17 _____	18 _____	19 _____	20 _____
21 _____	22 _____	23 _____	24 _____
25 _____	26 _____	27 _____	28 _____
29 _____	30 _____	31 _____	32 _____
33 _____	34 _____	35 _____	36 _____
37 _____	38 _____		

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Answer key

Part 1: Plans for the House on Elmwood Drive

1 B to ask for approval to run a business from her home

2 D Her workplace reduced its operating hours.

3 A to complete her licence application.

4 C pay for it and leave it in the house

5 B She wants them to learn of her plan directly from her.

6 D show that she can be trusted with the house.

7 C thought through my concerns

8 A had shortened its hours

9 D gate for the basement stairs

10 B I have been added to it

11 C drop off in the driveway

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12 A the whole-home special

13 C $115

14 B the pet odour treatment

15 D are closed on Sundays

16 A they'll return at no cost

17 D siblings.

18 B Otherwise she may lose part of her deposit.

19 C little time will be left before the inspection.

Part 3: Ice Roads of Canada's North

20 B

21 A

22 E

23 C

24 D

25 B

26 A

27 C

28 D

Part 4: Consumer Fireworks Ban In Port Lindell Debate

29 C Farid Haddad

30 A dry-weather fire, not noise

31 D to suggest purchases would move

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Your estimated CLB

Correct answers (of 38)	Estimated level
37–38	CLB 12
35–36	CLB 11
33–34	CLB 10
31–32	CLB 9
28–30	CLB 8
24–27	CLB 7
19–23	CLB 6
15–18	CLB 5
10–14	CLB 4

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